



**Reparations Task Force Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6 p.m.**

Location: Fulton County Government Center Assembly Hall, 141 Pryor St SW, Atlanta, GA
30303

Zoom:

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POST AGENDA MINUTES – RATIFIED

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****A QUORUM WAS PRESENT****

Members Present: Karcheik Sims-Alvarado (online), Marcus Coleman, Elon Osby, Rodney Littles, Michael Simanga (online), Mike Russell, Donte' Thompson, Carole Sykes, Amanda Meng

Staff Present: Fran Calhoun, Jasmine Campbell, Derval Stewart (online)

Adoption of September 7, 2023, Meeting Agenda -

Motion by Donte Thompson to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion is seconded by Rodney Littles. Motion passes.

Approval of August 17, 2023, Minutes

Motion to approve the August 17 meeting minutes by Rodney Littles. Motion is seconded by Donte Thompson. Motion passes.

Public Comments

- Moved to end of meeting
- Welcome to new member Carole Sykes by Vice Chair

Old Business

- Status Report: Finalizing Contract with AUCC
 - Ms. Calhoun has been in communication with the AUCC. AUCC is in receipt of the contract. It is under review and they have questions about the scope of work and need clarity.
 - Attorney Stewart - BOC approved July 12th 2023 with the direction to firm up the deliverables.
 - will be signing and executing via docusign
 - AUCC feels some of the deliverables are outside of their scope
 - Plan to complete finalization by the next task force meeting
 - Chair spoke with ED of AUCC and will meet next week to go over SOW

- Research Design/ Framework
 - committee met to design the research process
 - Examples of study focus: job discrimination, education
 - Full notes with outline of research design were read aloud for the record:
 - Organize by Fulton County Purview
 - Phase 1: (can overlap with Phase 2 and consecutive phases)
 - Slavery - formation/conception of the county; economic and political power from slavery; violence; formation at the dawn/push of Civil War
 - Statistical information of demographics at the time of the founding of the county
 - This helps contextualize the study– all of it
 - Relationship between city and county - who had city power versus county power
 - Plantocracy - Georgia’s economic wealth - 40% supported by slave labor, goods, and services
 - County as profiteers of slavery and racism
 - Penal System: Fulton County jail; Policing; County Sheriff
 - Convict labor
 - Sentencing
 - Quantitative analysis of
 - \$ profited off of convict labor
 - Harm to families
 - Registration and elections
 - Time-series view of registration and voting overtime
 - Land - eminent domain
 - Phase 2 - Equitable Access to County Services
 - Arts and libraries,
 - Libraries in Fulton County neighborhoods

- Tax-paying citizens not receiving benefit of citizenship
 - Quantify how much tax \$ paid in without services
 - Public Health Services,
 - Allocation of health resources to Fulton County residents
 - Health clinic locations and funding
 - Citizens creating their own health access at what cost?
 - Paying twice
 - County employment
 - Mid1970s - Mayor Maynard Jackson - starts to open up jobs to Black men and women - relates to tax-paying citizens not having access to jobs
 - Tax and property assessor
 - Property taxes paid in, to identify how much residents were contributing
 - Property ownership
 - Covenant that buyer would not sell to a Black owner
 - Fulton County profiting off of back taxes
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- Next step is to hire researchers and project manager
 - Also reaching out to scholars who can help advise

Close of Meeting

- Each board member given the opportunity to make closing remarks

Adjourn

- Rodney little's motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mike Russell.

Public Comments

In-person:

- Larry SW Atlanta resident - representing ADOS
 - reparations is a national project
 - we can't wait on that
 - here to make sure whatever we come up with goes to the right group. it should go to us descendants of chattel slavery
 - need to be stringent in how are the rightful recipients in Fulton County

Online:

- Sagittarius: Has the task force given any more thought to eligibility?
- My name is Zakia Blake. I am a descendant of Catherine and George Black. Who were run out of Forsyth County in 1913. They were best friends to the Kellogg's who also owned farmland.
- JM: Will the TaskForce address the role that Insurance Companies played in Chattel Slavery, also will they mention the Riots of Auburn Ave 1906 where the KKK burned down Black Businesses?
- My name is Joshua Black. I'm an African-american man born in Georgia and an Atlanta resident. My occupation is in real estate. I actually have a point to speak to about the valuation of Homeowner's properties. And how many of them even to this day.re subject to low ball appraisal valuations which caused them to take a home. Lower profit and If they were to have white family pictures.
- Nadira speaks: Has the Task Force considered land and direct cash payment as a payout for residents?
- JM: Addressing the harms
- Nadira speaks: Will the members consider those who were a part of the great migration to north for reparations eligibility?
- Thomas: How far back in documented history is the taskforce prepared to go to determine who and what is owed?
- JM: By the way, my name is Josiah, I wanted to also ask will you all be covering the Massacre of Oscarville which was the town burned down by white supremacist and later on flooded out by water and is now known as Lake Lanier?
- Chase Savage: will repair be lineage based
- JM: Hey can my question be answered
- Nadira speaks: What happened to Mrs. King? Is she no longer a member?

